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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Confirmation No.: 2743

Tsuyoshi NISHIMOTO et al.

Art Unit: 3635

Application No.: 10/500,104

Examiner: Spahn, Gay

Filed: June 25, 2004

Attorney Dkt. No.: 062533.00015

For: COMPOSITE STAIRCASE STRUCTURE (As Currently Amended)

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 24, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 29, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the specification are submitted beginning on page 2.

Amendments to the drawings are submitted beginning on page 25 and on the attached replacement drawing sheets.

Amendments to the claims are submitted beginning on page 26.

Remarks are submitted beginning on page 36.